



“WE GET ONE SHOT WITH OUR YOUTH – SO TAKE AIM AT OUR CAMPS”

Our youth is arguably the most important component of our church and rightfully so. They represent the potential of our future as a congregation of God. Our youth signify what manner of man and woman we are as a worshipping body. Most notably they represent the future of Murphysboro United Methodist Church. Jesus understood the importance of children in the kingdom of God.

¹⁴ But Jesus said, allow little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:14)

Children and teens can have a diminished capacity to speak up for themselves and almost no ability to create healthy Christ centered environments for one another. However, adults can more readily accomplish the development of that particular environment. So, it’s up to us, Christian adults; to ensure that young people have access to and then engage environments which can allow them to grow in Christ.

The consequence for not performing this duty is monumental. There will come a time in the life of the church and in each family represented therein when the child becomes a teen, who later becomes the college student. All along the way, the world is teaching them to devalue Christian morals and ethics by sharing *its truth* concerning right from wrong. If we have not fully trained them, they will fall away. This phenomenon is witnessed continually in the life of the church as parents attend services they took their children to years prior, and now those same kids, who are now young adults, are nowhere to be found in the church. The simple truth is most often an issue of parental and church prioritization.

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

There is a lot of noise in the world which can cause parents and church to miss the mark when it comes to creating the best possible spiritual development for their youth. Sports, hobbies, and cultural pressures tend to make spiritual development programming less important, seemingly too expensive for the church’s budget and less attractive. But the deception is this, it is the most needed of all activities. Without these disciplines being indoctrinated at a young age, Children struggle in young adulthood and adulthood to live Godly lives.

I am thankful to God that your church found a way. Last year I met with the existing parents, and we went into covenant to develop our youth ministry. Our mutual understanding was that it would take some time to revive the ministry and that a significant financial investment from the church would be necessary. It took some time, and we did indeed obtain a full-time Youth Director, we’ve remodeled the youth space, and invested heavily in summer youth camps! I personally want to thank those parents who have honored that covenant and still work with us to develop the youth ministry.

Christian youth summer camps are a great way to introduce Christ in a fun way to children. They allow both church and parent to invest in a future that is beyond any worldly value we might quantify or obtain. Sending our children to Christian Camps state loudly our conviction toward them concerning their Christian Education. We hope that you will engage in these activities and join us for Camp Sunday Worship service on June 4th. We will pray for you and your children during service and meet for a meal afterwards. Our Youth Director and Sunday School representative will share future plans for the ministry and listen to your concerns to modify plans. The future for our church and youth is full of potential. Together we can make it more than it has ever been.

Sincerely yours,
Marty McMichael
Marty McMichael
Sr. Pastor



Saturday, June
10th at 7:30 am.
UMM Breakfast.



July Compass
Deadline is
June 19th.



WEEKLY BULLETIN
DEADLINE
is Wednesday
at
10:00 a.m.

1	6:00 pm	Scouts of the Round Table	13	10:00 AM	Young @ Heart on the Road	20	7:00 pm	Finance
	7:00 pm	GA Meeting		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	21	9:00 am	Nurture & Care
2	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
3	10:00 am	AA Meeting	14	6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal		7:00 pm	Bible Study
4	9:00 am	Camp Sunday		7:00 pm	Bible Study		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
	5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		7:00 pm	NA Meeting	22	7:00 pm	GA Meeting
5	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1	15	4:00 pm	Grief & Loss Training Team	23	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
	5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	GA Meeting	24	10:00 am	AA Meeting
6	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	16	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie	25	9:00 am	Promotion Sunday
	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	17	10:00 am	AA Meeting		11:00 am	Family Picnic
7	7:00 pm	NA Meeting		10:00 am	Book Club	26	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1
8	7:00 pm	GA Meeting	18		Happy Fathers Day	27	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2
9	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie		5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship		11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	9:30 AM	Feeder of the Pack	19		Meals on Wheels Week	28	9:00 am	Holy Folders
10	7:30 am	UMM Breakfast			Office Closed Juneteenth Holiday		6:00 pm	Bible Study Meal
	10:00 am	AA Meeting		3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1		7:00 pm	Bible Study
11	7:30 am	Graduate Breakfast		5:00 pm	SS Team		7:00 pm	NA Meeting
12	3:00 pm	Grief & Loss Support #1	20	10:00 am	Grief & Loss Support #2	29	7:00 pm	Ga Meeting
	4:00 pm	Bible Journaling		11:00 am	Staff Meeting	30	9:00 am	Stretching w/Rosie
	5:00 pm	R4L-Jackson County		6:00 pm	SPRC			

Our 2023 Baptism Sunday will be on August 20th this year. We will baptize Infants - 3 years in the sanctuary at the end of our service, we will then proceed outside as a congregation to baptize the remaining members of the baptism class. We will have an all church picnic immediately after the service were everyone is invited to celebrate with us our new baptized members in Christ. Everyone who wishes to be baptized will need to attend the Baptism Class on Sunday July 23rd in the Sanctuary at 10:15 am. If you are unable to attend this class please let Pastor Marty or the church office know as soon as possible so that we may make arrangements with you to meet with Pastor Marty before the baptism.

sunday
Baptism
& Picnic

Sunday, August 20, 2023
During Sunday Service

Contact the Church office to sign up to be baptized by Thursday, July 20th.

All individuals being baptized will need to attend a baptism meeting with Pastor Marty on Sunday, July 23rd after service.

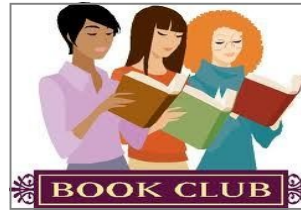


Church Library is taking a break for the month of June. See you again in July.

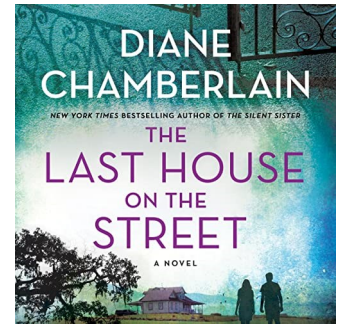


**MUMC Family Celebration Picnic (MUMC Pavilion)
Sunday, June 25th at 11:00am
RSVP On Attendance Pads**

The MUMC Family Celebration Picnic will be held Sunday, June 25 at 11:00 am. The church will provide fried chicken, hot dogs, drinks, and table settings. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. There will be games for adults and children and music provided by Jerry Giffin and Friends. Please sign up on the attendance pad if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the fact that we are all part of the Family of God!



The Saturday Book Club
Room 202
June 17th, 10:00



"[A] twisty, riveting ride." (*People magazine, People Pick*)

"Chamberlain's evocative writing and Bennett's skilled character portrayals may cause visceral reactions in listeners, particularly during violent moments. Through the far-reaching impacts of the characters' actions, Chamberlain addresses racism, injustice, love, family dynamics, and intergenerational trauma. Bennett's style in this layered and powerful listening experience is both realistic and haunting." (*AudioFile*)

A community's past sins rise to the surface in *New York Times* best-selling author Diane Chamberlain's *The Last House on the Street* when two women, a generation apart, find themselves bound by tragedy and an unsolved, decades-old mystery.

1965

Growing up in the well-to-do town of Round Hill, North Carolina, Ellie Hockley was raised to be a certain type of proper Southern lady. Enrolled in college and all but engaged to a bank manager, Ellie isn't as committed to her expected future as her family believes. She's chosen to spend her summer break as a volunteer helping to register Black voters. But as Ellie follows her ideals fighting for the civil rights of the marginalized, her scandalized parents scorn her efforts, and her neighbors reveal their prejudices. And when she loses her heart to a fellow volunteer, Ellie discovers the frightening true nature of the people living in Round Hill.

2010

Architect Kayla Carter and her husband designed a beautiful house for themselves in Round Hill's new development, Shadow Ridge Estates. It was supposed to be a home where they could raise their three-year-old daughter and grow old together. Instead, it's the place where Kayla's husband died in an accident - a fact known to a mysterious woman who warns Kayla against moving in. The woods and lake behind the property are reputed to be haunted, and the new home has been targeted by vandals leaving threatening notes. And Kayla's neighbor Ellie Hockley is harboring long-buried secrets about the dark history of the land where her house was built.

Two women. Two stories. Both on a collision course with the truth - no matter what that truth may bring to light - in Diane Chamberlain's riveting, powerful novel about the search for justice.



5	Jerry & Barbara Giffin	22	Paul & Debbie Chapman
10	Bert & Carolyn Ozburn	22	Rob & Jennifer Graeff
12	Ken & LaVerne Cline	24	Todd & Rene Doody
12	Terri & Patrick Yates	25	Jason & Michelle Bennett
14	George & Carolyn Sauer	25	Arthur & Pat Porter
15	Troy & Lacey Brown	27	Everett & Kathy Blackwell
18	Perry & Susan Patterson	29	Nancy & Dennis Fager
18	Amanda & John Ripley	29	Raymond & Bonnie Whiteside

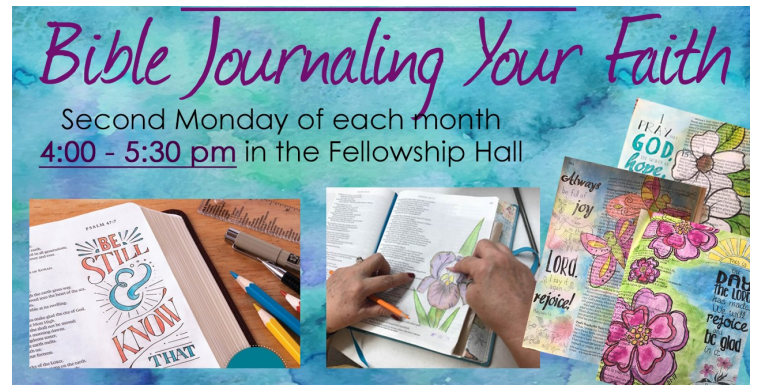


3	Mike Johnstone	16	Olivia Wheatley
4	Susan Patterson	16	Raymond Whiteside
4	Mason Thies	17	Todd Doody
8	Tracy Hagston	18	Jennifer Ellermeier
9	Mason Schingel	18	Oliver Imhoff
10	Evelyn Jackson	21	Novella Howard
10	Kyle Miller	21	John Hudgins
10	John Ripley	21	Maryjune Rice
11	Emily Finke	21	Madison Ripley
11	Kathleen Ripley	21	Makayla Ripley
12	Paula Chapa	22	Parker Hargraves
12	Maggie Jenkins	25	Carla Quigley
13	Bob Purcell	25	Emmaline Schwoerer
13	Sheila Stewart	26	Carmen Chapa
15	Linda Johnson	26	Merrill Thies
16	Cody Ellermeier	28	Elijah Imhoff
16	William Pierson	30	Dennis Fager
16	Keylin Wece		



**SAVE THE DATE!
June 25th**

Some of our students will be moving up to their next grade Sunday School class and receiving a special book!



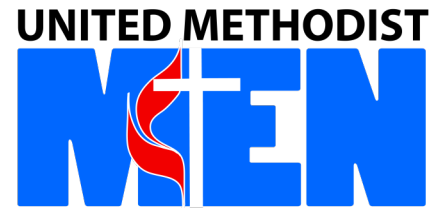
Second Monday of each month
4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall



We currently have a Sunday School class for Pre-K—High School and one Adult Sunday School class that meets every Sunday. Interested in starting your own Adult/Young Adult class see the items available in our library to help you get started. Contact Diane Schingel for more information.



The United Methodist Men met on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 am in the MUMC Fellowship Hall. Nine men were present for a delicious meal of french toast and sausage prepared by group president and chief cook,



Richard Tierney. Several men from the group helped with the set up and tear down of the Women's Prayer Luncheon held on Saturday, May 6, and also served as waiters for the event. During the meeting there was discussion about preparations for the Apple Pancake Breakfast coming up in September. In addition, the group was privileged to have Richard Pierson give a special presentation on his recent experience



participating in the Veteran's Honor Flight. The United Methodist Men meet the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 am for breakfast and a time of fellowship. All men are welcome and are encouraged to attend.



Tuesday Mornings
10:00 am

Beginning May 9th

Meetings will take place
in the MUMC Library

A second Grief and Loss Support Group has started on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. The group is led by Lynn Pierson and Janet Porter in the MUMC Church Library. Please encourage family members or friends that you feel would benefit from this type of support to attend. Anyone grieving a loss of any kind is welcome. You do not have to be a member of MUMC.

Seekers Sunday School Class

Each Sunday at 10:15am
Room 202

Contact Michelle Parker-Clark for more information

During the month of June, the Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will be continuing their study of Strong Hearts: Increasing Our Trust in Jesus through Examining the Lines of the Lord's Prayer by Angie Baughman. Please join the class for a time of discussion, fellowship, and prayer. And, stay tuned for further updates on the next study.



GRADUATES' BREAKFAST Sunday, June 11th @ 7:30 am MUMC Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to Church Office no later than
Wednesday, May 31st



Stretching
With
Rosie
each Friday
9:00 AM

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Jr. High & Sr. High meet the 1st & 3rd
Sunday of every month
in Fellowship Hall from 5-7 pm.

A meal is provided, invite your friends
and come fellowship with us!

Our Neighbor's Table

FREE community meal
the last Sunday of every month starting at 12:00 noon
in the Murphysboro United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers Needed!



Signup on Attendance Pad or Contact Michelle Parker-Clark



Meets the 2nd
Friday of each
month at the
Murphysboro
Food Pantry
at 9:00 am

Feeder of the Pack needs your help to stay alive. Costs of supplies have doubled. Please consider donating today.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

One Story that Leads to Jesus

7:00pm every Wednesday
6pm Dinner available

Youth & Adult Options
available at this time

Contact the Church office to signup





MY OWN BOOKCASE

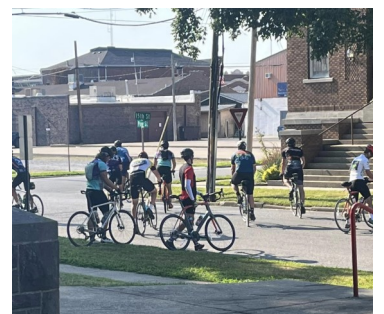
The Seventh Presentation Ceremony for the My Own Bookcase Project was held on Sunday, April 20, 2023 at the Murphysboro Elks Banquet Hall. Approximately 100 people gathered as twenty children from the Murphysboro Head Start Program were presented with a personalized, hand-made bookcase and a starter set of books. As always, seeing the smiles of the children as they received their books was the best part of this project. Working to help the children of our community to have a brighter future gives us all a sense of purpose, and we thank everyone who supported this project! THANK YOU!!!



This year over the 4th of the July weekend we will again be hosting the Bike4ALZ group on their overnight stay here in Murphysboro. As in the Past to years Richard Tierney will be greeting the team when they arrive in Murphysboro, and making sure they receive a hot nourishing meal, and sending them off with a prayer for a safe rest of their journey when they depart. . As we will not know until the day of their arrival exactly what time they will arrive and depart the next day this makes it very hard to notify the entire congregation. But if you would

like to be a part of this team to help welcome them and send them off in prayer please contact Melba in the office to be added to the contact list. If you would like to donate to the meal or towards drinks etc. Please contact Chris Nolan or Richard.

You can find out more about the from this link. <https://www.facebook.com/bike4alz>



Usher Teams for the Month of June

Date	Team #	Names
June 4th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
June 11th	3	Patti Mills, John Mills, Rosie Wece, Kyle Hargraves, John Erbes
June 18th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring
June 25th	2	Todd Lirely, Vanessa Lirely, Dick Graff, Sandy Herring

Liturgist/Worship Leader for the Month of June

June 4th	Rick Runge
June 11th	Kristi Miller
June 18th	Barb Hughes
June 25th	Erin Milleur



Get your breakthrough prayer card, in the church office or at the back of the sanctuary.

Oh, gracious God who's still small voice we long to hear. Cause us to walk in your Wisdom and rest in your strength. Give us eyes to see your will for Murphysboro UMC and the community we serve. Order our steps and establish our thoughts, for we commit this vision to you. Its in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.
Proverbs 16:3

On behalf of your church SPRC committee a heartfelt thanks to all who have submitted thoughts for the continued growth and the good of your church. Please continue to pray the "Breakthrough Prayer" as a loving church body.

Time to pray as a whole is 4:00 pm daily.

Ask a prayer partner to pray this prayer at another time or dedicate yourself a specific time. I know several who are praying at 6:00 am. Whatever time works for you---- God has no time limitations and hears all prayers.

Vanessa Lirely



Thank you to our church family for being part of the Welcome Home Celebration for the recent Veteran's Honor Flight #10 in Marion. Richard was selected as an Honored Vietnam Veteran for this flight and we certainly appreciated our church joining our family

for this celebration. Our daughter was Richard's guardian for this event and she has a greater appreciation for all veterans.

Richard & Lynn Pierson



Trailblazers Sunday School Class

Where: Room 108/Trailblazers room

What: Adult Sunday School
Discussion Group

When: During Sunday School hour,
just drop off the kids to their Class
and come join -

All Welcome!

Just a little info: This is a "get to know each other better group" We have a video series on various topics. After the video we have discussion and ponderance time on the curriculum questions provided. Come and enjoy this time to learn together and continue your faith journey. Questions about class - ask Vanessa or Todd Lirely

YOUNG AT HEART ON THE ROAD



On Tuesday, May 9, twenty-two (22) YAH participants enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Bonnie Cafe in West Frankfort, IL, and it was a good thing that our next stop was at Burks Family Alpaca Farm so we could walk off some of that delicious fried chicken. As you can see from the pictures, it was a perfect day and we all felt (and acted) like kids again taking turns feeding and petting the adorable alpacas. In addition, there were alpaca items to look at and/or take home, including some of the softest socks you can imagine. Jackie Koonce was the winner of the door prize which was an alpaca gift item of her choice. Join us for another fun adventure next month as YAH is back on the road!

YAH will be back on the road on Tuesday, June 13. We will depart the church parking lot at 10:00 am for lunch at 11:30 am at Huckleberry's in Mounds. This restaurant/pub is well known in Pulaski County for their famous BBQ and Mississippi farm raised catfish. After lunch we will attend a presentation detailing the history of the Mound City National Cemetery by Richard Kuenneke, a member of the Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission. Please join us for another great day of food, fun, fellowship and the opportunity to learn about the history of a local military cemetery which is the site of the Illinois State Soldiers and Sailors Monument. See you on June 13th!

The Spring/Summer Yard Sale was a huge success! Thanks to all who donated nice items for this sale. The volunteers who sorted, placed and priced items for sale were many and so appreciated.

The sale began on Friday afternoon with lots of waiting shoppers and the weather was beautiful. We ended the sale on Saturday with free shopping. Remaining infant clothing was taken to CLARITY Women's Care (formerly Pregnancy Matters) and Jenette's in Murphysboro (a resale shop that serves our community) accepted all remaining items. We enjoyed great fellowship while working this sale and there were several potlucks along the way.

This is a Mission Sale and the funds are available for those who wish to fulfill a mission project. Please contact Jay Graff, Missions and Service Chair, (or Pastor Marty or Lynn Pierson) if you are seeking funding. This sale yielded about \$5,000 so get busy.

The Fall/Winter Sale will be the last weekend in October (27-28). Please plan to join an exceptional team in preparing for the next event.

God has richly blessed us with funds so please go forth being the hands and feet of Christ in service to others.

Lynn Pierson



Below see just a few highlights from our Annual Women's Luncheon. Check out our facebook page for all of the pictures from that day. Thank you to all the ladies who were involved in this special day.



Vacation Bible School
 Sunday, July 16 - Thursday, July 20
 5:00 - 8:00 pm

WEIRD ANIMALS
 Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind

Helpers Needed! Contact Melanie Harp



The Lord
will watch
over your
coming and
going both
now and
forevermore.

Psalm 121:8

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OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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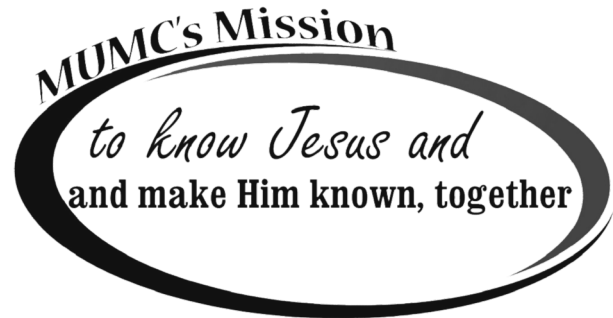


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Staff

Ministers The Congregation
Pastor Marty McMichael
Pastor of
Congregational Care..... Michelle Parker-Clark
Director of Children
& Family Ministries.....Melanie Harp
Financial Secretary Christine Nolan
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